

## **BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)**

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### **Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **Those present were:**

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Brandon Wilcox, MDOT Planning; Don Mayle, MDOT; Doug Alexander, City of Essexville; Jack Wheatley, Bay City; Andy Pickard, FHWA; Terry Moulthane, Bay City; and Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff.

### **Minutes from October 11, 2011, BCATS Tech meeting:**

It was moved by Wilcox, seconded by Reithel, to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2011 meeting. Motion passed.

### **Travel Demand Model:**

Don Mayle provided update maps of the AM peak, PM peak, mid-day, night and 24 hour from the Travel Demand model for the group to review. One change from the previous draft brought Mackinaw Rd south on US-10 as a deficiency. Also highlighted on the maps were the locations of possible future road projects that would effect capacity which will be added in to the model for the future years. Wheatley requested maps showing the model volumes on the city road segments. Mayle stated that he'd send them to Engelhardt. Pickard questioned where the future projects came from. Westbury informed him they came from the various sources including the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and the previous model showing where deficiencies were located. Discussion ensued.

### **BCATS 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan - project list costs:**

Engelhardt let everyone know he is still looking for cost estimates for BCATS 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan projects and that all projects cost should take into account inflation increases. The factor should be consistent throughout the area. Engelhardt also informed the committee that he met with the infrastructure sub-group from the Chamber of Commerce to get their input on future road project and how the economic community views certain road projects. A transportation summit will likely occur some time in January to get more public input on the future road projects.

### **TIP Amendment - MDOT and Bay County Road Commission:**

Westbury discussed the MDOT amendment for increasing the funding for the Trunkline Program Scoping GPA to \$300,000 from \$81,000. Also, the Bay County Road Commission is delaying the North Union Rd project until 2014 due to the fact that one of options for the location of a new water distribution plant is on 3 Mile Rd and would use the North Union Rd ROW as a major waterline connector into the city. This project's funding will be switched with Salzburg Rd between 3 Mile Rd and 4 Mile Rd which was planned for 2014 and will now be constructed in 2012. No addition funds are added and two projects are just changing places.

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A motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Wheatley, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to amend the 2011-14 TIP to increase the Trunkline Program Scoping GPA and to move the North Union Rd project to 2014 and bring a portion of the 2014 Salzburg Rd project to 2012. Motion Passed.

Wheatley questioned if their earmark for Johnson St was still available and not rescinded. Engelhardt did not believe that it was rescinded. Wilcox will look into it further.

### **TIP Selection Criteria Update:**

There is no update at this time, but Engelhardt would like to hold a meeting prior to the next technical committee in February.

### **BCATS Title VI Plan:**

The updated Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan has been reviewed by MDOT and returned with a few corrections. Engelhardt has incorporated those changes and it is now with the Bay County Corporation Counsel for review. Once their review is complete, the plan will be signed.

### **BCATS Annual Report:**

Engelhardt informed the committee that this year's annual report will be published in the Bay City Democrat as oppose to the Bay City Times due to the large cost difference. The ad will be published on the final Thursday in December. The report will also be distributed through the Bay County Executive Newsletter as well as the Bay County Facebook page.

### **Available Safety Forums:**

As part of the agenda packet, Engelhardt discussed the available safety forums which are free from FHWA. Engelhardt stated he would like to see a safety forum on education for bicyclist at some point after the long range plan is completed.

### **Project Updates:**

All MDOT projects have been wrapped up for the year. On the ***Adams St project*** and the ***Walnut St project***, there will need to be some fine tuning done in the spring. The ***Midland Road Project*** is complete and will need some restoration in the spring, mainly with the main hole covers and grass seeding. Lillo mentioned that this project schedule was different from most of their projects (July to Nov. vs. April to July) but worked well to minimize the inconvenience to the 600+ families living in that area.

### **Other/New Business:**

#### ***MDOT Planning Section Manager Change:***

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Wilcox informed the committee that the new manager of the MDOT Planning Section is Dell McBurroughs.

### ***National resource Trust Fund Grant:***

Westbury stated that the Bay Zil trail was awarded a \$300,000 NRTF grant for work on the two bridges to make the trail usable in 2012.

As there was no other business, the December 13, 2011 meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt  
BCATS Director

*Transcribed by D. Westbury*

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